GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

PS – PR & RD Dept. – Allegations of irregularities in execution of works in Palakonda Mandal of Srikakulam District under MGNREGS Scheme - Disciplinary Proceedings initiated against Sri G. Satyanarayana, Former MEO/AE, MP, Palakonda, Srikakulam (now Retired) - WSD submitted - Inquiry conducted - Charges partially proved – Disagreement factors communicated - -Provisional decision taken to impose penalty – Show cause notice - Imposition of penalty of 20% cut in pension for a period of (3) years under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980 – Orders – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ & RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG-I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No. 191 **Dated: 28-02-2024.**

Read the following:-

1) G.O.Rt.No.157, PR&RD (Vig.I) Deptt., dated:31.01.2013.
2) From G. Satyanarayana, Former MEO/AE, MP, Palakonda, Srikakulam now Retired Written Statement of Defence, dt:13.05.2013.
3) G.O.Rt.No.132, PR&RD (Vig.I) Department, Dt:09.02.2018.
4) G.O.Rt.No.34, PR&RD(Vig.I)Department, Dt:17.01.2020.
5) From the ENC, PR, Letter No.Vig.I(1)/3419/2012, Dt:08.11.2020.
6) From the Chief Engineer, PR-II and Inquiry Officer, Letter No.CE (PR)/3419 /Enquiry Report/2015, dated:29.04.2021.
7) Govt.Memo.No.12515/Vig.I/2012-8, Dt:03.11.2021.
8) From Sri G. Satyanarayana, Former MEO/AE, MP, Palakonda and MEO/AE, MPP, Ainavilli, E.G.Dist (Retired) representation dt:05.02.2022.
9) Govt.Memo.No.12515/Vig.I/2012-19 Dt:07.03.2023.
10) From Sri G. Satyanarayana, Former MEO/AE, MP, Palakonda and MEO/AE, MPP, Ainavilli, E.G.Dist (Retired) representation dt:01.06.2023.

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ORDER:

Whereas, in the reference 1st read above, based on the report submitted by Engineer-in-Chief, PR on the allegation of certain irregularities in execution of works under MGNREGS in Palakonda of Srikakulam District, Government have initiated disciplinary action against Sri G. Satyanarayana, Former MEO/AE, MP, Palakonda, Srikakulam (now Retired), among others, duly framing following articles of charge under Rule 20 of A.P.C.S. (CC&A) Rules, 1991 with a direction to submit his written statement of defence:

Charge-I:
That the said Sri G.Satyanarayana, Asst. Engineer, PIU Sub-Division, Vizianagaram, while functioning as MEO, MP Palakonda has failed to follow the Government norms in execution and recording of the work Gravelling and Metalling the R/f CSP, Road to Government Women Junior College of Palakonda sanctioned at an estimate cost of Rs.10.00 lakhs under MGNREGS funds during the financial year 2009-2010.

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Charge-II: That the said Sri G. Satyanarayana, Assistant Engineer, PIU Sub-Division, Vizianagaram, while functioning as MEO, MP Palakonda has failed to follow the Government norms in execution and recording of the work Gravelling and Metalling the R/f PH Road to Venkampeta Colony of Palakonda sanctioned at an Estimate Cost of Rs.10.00 lakhs under MGNREGS funds during the financial year 2009-2010
Charge-III: That the said Sri G.Satyanarayana, Assistant Engineer, PIU Sub-Division, Vizianagaram, while functioning as MEO MP Palakonda has failed to follow the Government norms in execution and recording of the work Gravelling and Metalling PH Road to Vijayarampuram sanctioned at an Estimate Cost of Rs.30.20 lakhs under MGNREGS funds during the financial year 2009-2010.
Charge-IV: That the said Sri G. Satyanarayana, Assistant Engineer, PIU Sub-Division, Vizianagaram, while functioning as MEO, MP Palakonda has failed to follow the Government norms in execution and recording of the work Gravelling and Metalling the Road from Navagam, Jumparakota road to Dolamadavalasa sanctioned at an Estimate Cost of Rs.11.40 lakhs under MGNREGS funds during the financial year 2009-2010.
Charge-V: That the said Sri G. Satyanarayana, Assistant Engineer, PIU Sub-Division, Vizianagaram, while functioning as MEO MP Palakonda has failed to follow the Government norms in execution and recording of the work Gravelling and Metaling the road from Voni to Scotdoravalasa sanctioned at an Estimate Cost of Rs. 21.00 lakhs under MGNREGS funds during the financial year 2009-2010.
Charge –VI:- That the said Sri G. Satyanarayana, Assistant Engineer, PIU Sub-Division, Vizianagaram, while functioning as MEO MP Palakonda has failed to follow the Government norms in execution and recording of the work Gravelling and Metalling the Road from Lumburu to Voni sanctioned at an Estimate Cost of Rs. 10.00 lakhs under MGNREGS funds during the financial year 2009-2010.
Charge-VII: That the said Sri G. Satyanarayana, Assistant Engineer, PIU Sub-Division, Vizianagaram, while functioning as MEO MP Palakonda has failed to follow the Government norms in execution and recording of the work Gravelling and Metalling the Road from R&B road to Savariguda via Biyyalavalasa at an Estimate cost of Rs. 25.00 lakhs under MGNREGS funds during the financial year 2009-2010.
Charge-VIII: That the said Sri G. Satyanarayana, Assistant Engineer, PIU Sub-Division, Vizianagaram, vwhile functioning as MEO MP Palakonda has failed to follow the Government norms in execution and recording of the work Gravelling and Metalling the Road from V.P. Rajupeta to Ardhali sanctioned at an Estimate cost of Rs. 18.00 lakhs under MGNREGS funds during the financial year 2009-2010.
Charge-IX: That the said Sri G. Satyanarayana, Assistant Engineer, PIU Sub-Division, Vizianagaram, while functioning as MEO MP Palakonda has failed to follow the Government norms in execution and recording of the work Gravelling and Metalling the Road from CSP road to Vatapadu via Attali sanctioned at an Estimated cost of Rs. 32.00 lakhs under MGNREGS funds during the financial year 2009-2010.

Charge-X: That the said Sri G. Satyanarayana, Assistant Engineer, PIU Sub-Division, Vizianagaram, while functioning as MEO MP Palakonda has failed to follow the Government norms in execution and recording of the work Gravelling and Metalling the Road from Pedakotipalli to Chinnakotipalli S.T. village sanctioned at an estimate cost of Rs. 10.00 lakhs under MGNREGS funds during the financial year 2009-2010.
Charge-XI: That the said Sri G. Satyanarayana, Assistant Engineer, PIU Sub-Division, Vizianagaram, while functioning as MEO MP Palakonda has failed to follow the Government norms in execution and recording of the work Gravelling and Metalling the Road from Gudiwada to Chinnakotipalli, S.T. village sanctioned at an estimate cost of Rs. 9.00 lakhs under MGNREGS funds during the financial year 2009-2010.
Charge-XII: That the said Sri G. Satyanarayana, Assistant Engineer, PIU Sub-Division, Vizianagaram, while functioning as MEO MP Palakonda has failed to follow the Government norms in execution and recording of the work Gravelling and Metalling the Road from PH road to Neelamma Colony of Palakonda sanctioned at an estimate cost of Rs. 10.00 lakhs under MGNREGS funds during the financial year 2009-2010.
Charge-XIII: That the said Sri G. Satyanarayana, Assistant Engineer, PIU Sub-Division, Vizianagaram, while functioning as MEO MP Palakonda has failed to follow the Government norms in execution and recording of the work Gravelling and Metalling the Road from PH road to M.K.Rajapuram sanctioned at an estimate cost of Rs. 7.00 lakhs under MGNREGS funds during the financial year 2009-2010.

2. And whereas in the reference 2nd read above, the Charged Officer Sri G. Satyanarayana, Former MEO/AE, MP, Palakonda, Srikakulam (now Retired) has submitted his written statement of defence on the charges framed against him. After examining the written statement of defence of the Charged Officer along with other Charged Officers, Government have taken a decision to conduct regular enquiry into the matter. Accordingly, in the references 3rd read above, Government have entrusted the case to Sri K. Ravindra, Chief Engineer, PR as the Inquiry Authority. Subsequently, in the reference 4th read above, appointed Chief Engineer, PR-II & MGNREGS (by designation) as the Inquiry Authority to conduct enquiry into the above charges framed against the charged officer, among others, since Sri K. Ravindra, CE (PR) had retired from service on 30.06.2019.

3. And whereas, in the reference 5th read above, the Engineer-In-Chief, Panchayat Raj, has furnished report duly stating that earlier the Q.C. wing proposed for recovery and notices were issued to the Sarpanches for remittance of QC recovery but the Sarpanches have not responded to the notices issued by the Superintending Engineer, PR, Srikakulam since there was no agreement/MOU between the Department and Work Executing Members with regard to Specifications/ Quantity / Rates for the works executed. In the above circumstances, the total recoveries arrived "as per actual field condition" as Rs.12,94,883/-, out of which an amount of Rs.7,13,653/- was adjusted towards Q.C. recoveries. With regard to balance amount of Rs.6,67,473/-, it has been decided to recover the same initially from the field officers in the ratio of 5:3:2 from the Section Officer (AE/AEE), Deputy Executive Engineer, Executive Engineer respectively. Accordingly, an

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amount of Rs.3,41,768/- has been apportioned and the same amount has been recovered from Sri G. Satyanarayana, MEO/AE (PR)MP, Palakonda, Srikakulam (now Retired) towards his share in the year 2014 in the works for which he is responsible in the matter.

4. And whereas in the reference 6th read above, the Inquiring Authority has submitted his Inquiry Report and among others, the Inquiry Authority has held that the charges framed against the charged officer Sri G. Satyanarayana, Former MEO/AE, MP, Palakonda, Srikakulam (now Retired) is "partially held proved. Government have examined the matter and observed that the charged officer was involved in thirteen (13) road works and the deficiencies as per the Inquiry Report. In the light of clause (b) of Para-2 of instructions issued in Govt.Memo.No.15320/Vig.I/2005-1, Dt:12.05.2006 of PR&RD (Estt-I) Department, Government have disagreed with the findings of IO that charges are partially proved and treat the same as **held proved**. A copy of the Inquiry Report together with disagreement factors has been communicated to the charged officer for his representation, if any, on the disagreement factors in the reference 7th read above.

5. And whereas in the reference 8th read above, the charged officer Sri G. Satyanarayana, Former MEO/AE, MP, Palakonda and MEO/AE, MPP, Ainavilli, E.G.District(now Retired) has submitted that he executed the road works as per norms. Unfortunately, two Cyclones viz., Nellam and Jal Cyclones occurred one by one during the year 2011 and hit the Palakonda area. The V&QC Officials visited the works after Cyclone damages during the year 2012 and pointed out deficiencies. He has stated that the loss of Rs.3,41,768/- towards his share was already remitted to Govt. funds earlier and further an additional amount of Rs.20,142/- was also remitted by him through DDNo.723957, dt:05.02.2022 in State Bank of India, Mummidivaram Branch, payable to SBI, Palakonda in the case. The Charged Officer has stated that he had retired from service and requested to drop further action as the loss caused in the case was remitted by him. It is observed that the Charged Officer being the Mandal Engineering Officer is primarily responsible in execution of works. The Charged Officer is held responsible for substandard execution although the loss towards his share has been recovered/remitted by him and he is not absolved from the charge. Hence, Government after examination of the matter, have taken a provisional decision to impose a penalty of 20% cut in pension for a period of (3) years under Rule-9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980 against him in the matter. Accordingly, in the reference 9th read above, show cause notice was issued under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980 for submitting his explanation, if any, on the proposed penalty.

6. And whereas in the reference 10th read above, the Charged Officer Sri G. Satyanarayana, Former MEO/AE, MP, Palakonda and MEO/AE, MPP, Ainavilli, E.G.District (now Retired) has submitted his representation and no fresh grounds are put-forth by him in reply to show cause notice and it is therefore decided to proceed further with the above provisional decision.

7. And whereas, Government, after careful examination of the matter, hereby impose a penalty of 20% cut in pension for a period of (3) years under Rule-9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980 against the Charged Officer Sri G. Satyanarayana, Former MEO/AE, MP, Palakonda and MEO/AE, MPP, Ainavilli, E.G.District (now Retired) on the allegation of certain irregularities in execution of works in Palakonda of Srikakulam District, since the charges are held proved.

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8. The Engineering-in-Chief, Panchayath Raj, A.P., Vijayawada shall take necessary further action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri G. Satyanarayana, Former MEO/AE, MP, Palakonda and MEO/AE, MPP, Ainavilli, E.G.District(now Retired) **through** the Engineering-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, A.P., Vijayawada.
The Engineering-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, A.P., Vijayawada (with a request to serve the order on the individual and furnish the served copy and also pursue with concerned for effecting the penalty imposed)
Copy to:
The Accountant General, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
The Superintending Engineer, PR, Srikakulam District.
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SECTION OFFICER